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Title: DATA BUS FOR A PLURALITY OF NODES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-10 as follows:

--5. A data bus for a plurality of nodes which exchange data with one another over at least one electrical line, said data bus comprising:

a plurality of data exchange module each having a first input for receiving input data from respective ones of said plurality of nodes and providing a corresponding electrical output signal;